The First Real Living Skeleton, His Wife and Their Three Skin and Bone Sons. ager Taps His Memory Tank.

According to Manager T. E. Sackett of the Bijon theater, Isaac W. Sprague was the first unnaturally or abnormally thin skin and bones man to be exhibited to the public under the title of a some profit. Half a dozen remedies for "living skeleton." It was during the indigestion are thus sold, some containpalmy days of Barnum's Greatest Show | ing pepsin as the active principle, othon Earth, and while that celebrated ers containing sods mint, some bismuth, showman was raking the continents in some charcoal or more powerful disinsearch of curiosities in 1864. Incident- fectants. Some are designed to remove ally Mr. Sackett was in those days with | acidity of the stomach; others to attack Tony Pastor. Mr. Sackett was setting as a catarrhal condition. Others are to prodoortender, manager and all around voke appetite, and still others are to man for Pastor. He had prevacually been promote one or another natural funcout with Millie Christine, the two tion, A dozen headache cures are sold in freaks. When the Tony Paster show ents for the throat are almost innumerareached Florida, Stone & Morray's cir- ble. There are grip tablets, liver tabcus came there. The old inhabitants lets, heart, lung and brain tablets, will remember Stone & Murray's show. Rice's, Thayer & Noyes' and afterward lets of one sort or another, because with the John Robinson circus. With most of them are supposed to be well Stone & Murray was Isaac W. Sprague, recognized remedies. Most of the tabthe living skeleton. Mr. Sprague had lets are advertised only in medical jourbeen discovered by Barnum in Massa uals, in accordance with the require-

ing but skip and bones, yet he was colored woman he picked up in the first giantess ever on exhibition.

the billing and cooing of these attenuatbusiness hint, which he was not slow to dear old "Lunnon" the showman advertised and heralded the astounding fact far and wide that on a certain day there could be seen at St. James hall (where they were showing) something that the

world had never before witnessed, name-

ly, the marriage of two living, breathing skeletons. He also announced the fact that never before in the annals of show business had such a thing as the wedding of freaks been performed in public. This was a fact too. Of the enthusiastic crowds which such a unique announcement drew, or the interesting conduct of the living skeletons, wedded in the presence of "assembled thousands," Manager Sackett is silent. But he tells of a fact, how ever, which is of such interest that it was recorded in medical works, but never before has seen the light of newspaper publication. That was that a

year after the marriage of the skeletons the wife bore a child which also was a Stranger still to relate-but Sackett stakes his fortune on the truth of ittwo other children were also born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, and they were also of the skeleton mold. For many years afterward the parents traveled with their unnaturally thin offspring, and added to the stock of the world's astonishment, including both, crowned heads and those that were bald. The original Sprague and his wife are dead, but the three skeleton children, now young men, are showing about the country, healthy, happy and rich.

This is the only case or succession of cases in medical annals where a father and mother transmitted the disease of wasting atrophy to their offspring. Mr. Sackett also tells of another weird

case that came under his observation in his peregrinating show days. Major Burnell, a celebrated showman of the sixties, found a pair of freak twins in the south, the offspring of colored people. One of the twins, a boy, was black as Kongo stock. . The other, a girl, was a pure albino. The major engaged the twins for his show and exhibited them for years. The albino girl grew up and married an albino in the west. The offspring of the marriage was a baby as black as the ace of spades. Of course this enhanced the showing price of Charley and his albino wife, and Major Burnell increased their salaries accordingly.

D. K. Prescott was the discoverer of

the far famed Sleeping Beauty, whom he found in Tennessee in the sixties. He brought her to St. Louis. She was a young girl of surpassing beauty, with but one fault discoverable. She slept nine tenths of the time. She was the greatest puzzle the medical men had who deprived her mother of a fortune the beauty was sleeping as usual. His curiosity prompted him to take out his lancet and puncture her arm. The blood started out and the beauty awoke with a scream. Her mother rushed in from an adjoining room. Seeing the blood flowing from her daughter's arm, she fainted away. This ended the showing of the Sleeping Beauty. Her mother took her home, and she never slept in public any more. - Buffalo Courier.

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sold at prices that must yield a hand-

Persons who have eschewed patent medicines all their lives buy these tab chusetts. He was the first living skele- ments of the medical code, and many ton on record since the discovery of the of them, no doubt, have obtained their world by Adam. And Sprague was a popularity shrough their use by reputareal living skeleton too. He was noth-Quinine, which is now extremely

cheap, is sold largely in the form of In 1865 Barnum collected several cu- two grain pills or in larger pills conriosities, including Sprague, and sent taining iron. Although believed by them for a tour of the world. Sprague many physicians to be a dangerous remwas the big card. Next to him was a edy, it has long been self prescribed by skeleton woman, nearly as attenuated all sorts of persons, especially in malaas Sprague, whose name has escaped rial regions, and it is one of the remethe wonderful memory of Showman dies most frequently bought without Sackett. Among the other freaks with prescription. It is self prescribed for which Barnum expected to and did as malaria in its many forms, to check a tonish the world was Joyce Heth, the cold in its carly stages, and as a tonic. Stimulants of one sort or another are south, supposed to be 125 years old; the sold in this form, but more especially "woolly horse," and Annie Swan, the perhaps at the soda fountain, which has become a sort of medical dispensary. Sprague, on the steamer going over Many head-one remedies are dispensed London, fell desperately in love with at the soda fountain. Some are recomthe skeleton woman. She returned his mended or suggested by the attendant affection, and, according to Manager | but many persons have their favorite Sackett, who was on the yoyage, it was among the various sedatives and febri larly as the fruit sirups. New remedies are constantly introduced through the The outre love affair gave Barnum a soda fountains, and many old ones have long been included in the annually take advantage of. On their arrival in lengthening list of the soda water dis-

IN A BALLOON.

The Sensations That Are Superinduced by Its Rising and Falling. A dim sunlight strikes as in the bal-

pensers. - New York Sun,

oon. Suddenly we realize we are in bright sunshine again, with fleecy white clouds below us and a deep blue sky above. Look at the shadow of the bal loon on the clouds! See the light prismatic colors like a hald around the shadow of the car. Here we are all alone, in perfect silence, in the depths of a great abyss-massive clouds towering up on all sides, a snowy white mass below. But no sign of earth-no sign of anything human. Not a sound, not a sign of life! What peace! What bliss! Horrors! What's that report? The balloon must have burst. Oh, nonsense! Keep still! It's only a fold of the stuff nipped by the netting being suddenly released; that's all.

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Mark Twain's Latest.

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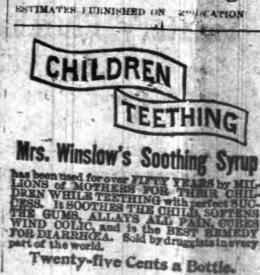
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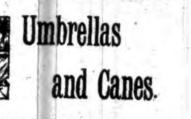
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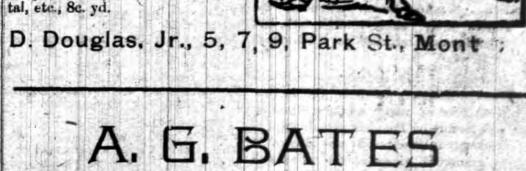
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